(3) It should be made clear to all Government servants concerned that permission to participate in the activities of the Bharat Sevak Samaj will not absolve them from the due observance at all times of all the rules and instructions relating to the conduct and behaviour of Government servants, etc.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

REVENUE AND HOME SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Muzrai Department for the year 1951-52.

READ—

The Report on the working of the Muzrai Department during the year 1951-52, received with the Muzrai Commissioner's letter No. N1-Per. A. 1—52-53, dated the 30th December 1952 (printed as annexure).

ORDER No. R. 16377-98—MUZ. 235-52-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH MARCH 1953.

Recorded.

2. *Important Events.*—Important Utsavams, Jatras and Car Festivals and Urus of Nawab Hyder Alikhan and Nawab Tippu Sultan at Gumbaz were held according to the schedule. The Sringeri Mutt and its properties continued under Government management. The Special Research Committee constituted for the conservation of Sri Gomateswara image at Sravanabelagola was engaged in examining the condition of the image in order to take measures necessary for the conservation of the idol.

For the celebration of Mahamasthakhabhisheka to Sri Gomateswaraswamy at Sravanabelagola in March 1953, action was taken to constitute Secular Committees to make preliminary arrangements. For the Panchalinga darsan at Talkad held on 17th November 1952, action was also taken to make preliminary arrangements.

The Fourth Annual Conference of Agamatraya Mahamandala was conducted at Nanjangud from 10th December 1951 to 12th December 1951. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore opened the conference and His Holiness Sri Swamigalu of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udipi, presided on the occasion.

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore visited Tirumalai Thirupathi devastanams on 8th August 1951 and necessary arrangements were made for the offering of the Royal Honours at the time of his visit to the temple.

The Government relaxed the restrictions regarding the admission of students to the Agama classes of Sri Chamarajendra Vedamahapatasala, Bangalore, and the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore.

Proposals for construction of buildings in Shankara Park and lower gardens of Shankar Mutt at Bangalore costing nearly six lakhs were sanctioned, the execution of the work being taken up in stages and spread over a period of six years through the Agency of a Special Committee with the Chief Engineer as Chairman. The work is in progress.

3. *Muzrai Institutions.*—There were 192 major institutions, 1,245 minor institutions and 13,320 village institutions during the year, as against 167 major, and 1,216 minor institutions in the year previous.

4. *Grants from State and Muzrai Funds for construction and repairs of Muzrai Institutions.*—A sum of Rs. 1,81,849-2-0 was spent on 223 old and new works sanctioned during the year. Seven hundred and eight works costing Rs. 11,16,250-13-4 were pending at the close of year. The delay in the completion of the works is due to the rise in the cost of building materials and the difficulty in securing materials like steel, etc., in large quantities and also due to the rice in the cost of labour resulting in the revision of the estimates.

Fresh grants to the extent of Rs. 1,75,000 were sanctioned out of the Budget allotment for the year.

The construction of 55 residential buildings in the Shankara Park and the lower garden in front of Shankara Mutt, Bangalore City, at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,00,000 and construction of two car sheds to Sri Narayana Swami Temple at Melkote at an estimated cost of Rs. 11,050 and reconstruction of the western gopuram of Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple at Tirumale at an estimated cost of Rs. 45,000 and repairs and improvements to the jewels and vahanams gifted to Sri Venkataramanaswami Temple at Thirupathi were the important works sanctioned during the year.

5. *Muzrai Funds.*—The financial position of the several Muzrai Funds during the year was as follows :—

Name of Fund	Opening Balance	Receipts	Total
1	2	3	4
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1 Muzrai Establishment Fund ...	62,347 10 3	56,975 6 0	1,19,323 0 3
2 General Muzrai Fund ...	35,988 11 10	27,793 5 2	63,782 1 0
3 Chattram Savings Fund ...	98,667 11 6	70,319 7 0	1,68,987 2 6

Name of Fund	Expenditure	Closing Balance
	5	6
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1 Muzrai Establishment Fund	69,385 0 0	49,938 0 3
2 General Muzrai Fund	37,000 0 0	26,782 1 0
3 Chattram Savings Fund	88,219 13 3	80,767 5 3

The main source of income to the Funds is the interest on investments besides contributions received from Muzrai Institutions in respect of the Muzrai Establishment Fund, transfer of balances at the credit of defunct institutions to the General Muzrai Fund, and Tasdik grants of abolished chattrams to the Chattram Savings Fund.

6. *Income and Expenditure of Muzrai Institutions.*—The total income and expenditure of Muzrai Institutions during the year amounted respectively to Rs. 56,51,394-9-9 (inclusive of the opening balance of Rs. 38,63,728-14-8) and Rs. 14,34,521-12-3, leaving a closing balance of Rs. 42,16,872-13-6, against Rs. 38,82,431-13-1, during the previous year.

7. *Loss of Properties of Muzrai Institutions.*—Properties worth about Rs. 6,410-9-9, belonging to Muzrai Institutions are reported to have been lost by theft during the year and steps have been taken to trace the culprits and recover the value of the lost article.

8. *Endowments.*—Fresh endowments of a total value of Rs. 1,07,598 were made by private individuals during the year for the benefit of institutions or for religious or charitable purposes, as against Rs. 97,550 received during the previous year.

9. *Jatras and Cattle Shows.*—Jatras and Cattle Shows were conducted successfully during the year except the following places for the reasons noted against each :—

(i) The Jatra of Sri Venkataramana Swamy at Tirupathi in Arasikere Taluk was not conducted due to water scarcity.
(ii) The Cattle Show at Gorur in Hassan Taluk was not conducted due to prevalence of epidemic diseases.
(iii) The congregation of people during Vairamudi at Melkote was prohibited on account of the prevalence of cholera.
(iv) The Jatra and Cattle Fair of Sri Narasimhaswamy temple at Maddur were not conducted on account of cholera infection in the taluk.
(v) The Cattle Fair in connection with the rathotsawam of Sri Mallikarjunaswamy at Togersi Village, Shikaripur Taluk, was not held on account of the prevalence of cholera in the neighbouring villages of the taluk.

An aggreate sum of Rs. 159,770-10-7 was realised during the year and a a sum of Rs. 24,461-15-3 spent for sanitary and other arrangements. The amount spent on cattle shows was Rs. 4,594-3-6. A net sum of Rs. 1,09,689-7-10 was credited to the Funds of the respective institutions .

10. *Puduvat Loans.*—Total sum of Rs. 92,712-4-6 (including Rs. 1,124-8-5, added on during the year) was outstanding in respect of 1,158 cases of puduvat loans and out of this, a sum of Rs. 15,524-0-11 was collected during the year including remissions, leaving a balance of Rs. 77,188-3-7, at the end of the year. The arrears are heavy and systematic action for recovery of the arrears is called for.

The collections made during the year were very poor in Mysore, Mandya, Hassan and Tumkur Districts. Loans outstanding recovery are heavy in the Districts of Hassan (Rs. 21,230-10-0), Mysore (Rs. 16,013-11-9) and Chickmagalur (Rs. 12,482-12-9). The Deputy Commissioners should issue strict instructions to the subordinate officers to see that the heavy arrears are reduced appreciably during the currect year and watch the progress made during their inspections.

11. *Defunct Institutions.*—To the 34 cases pending at the beginning of the year, seven cases were added, bringing the total number of cases to 41. Out of these, 2 cases were disposed of leaving a balance of 39 cases at the end of the year.

In the Districts of Shimoga and Tumkur, the cases pending are heavy being 18 and 9 respectively. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to see that these cases are disposed of expeditiously.

12. *General.*—During the year under report, sanction was accorded to a building programme for the construction of houses in Sri Shankara Mutt Park in front of Sri Shankara Mutt, Bangalore, at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,00,000, the work being spread over a period of six years and executed through the Agency of a special Committee with the Chief Engineer as Chairman. The buildings after construction are expected to yield as annual rent of Rs. 35,000 to the Mutt. The works have been taken on hand.

The feeding of non-Brahmin pilgrims at the Mysore State Charities, Thirupathi and the State Chattram at Benares was continued during the year as usual.

The working of the Department was on the whole satisfactory. Greater attention, has, however, to be paid by the Muzrai Officers towards inspection of muzrai institutions and particularly of major muzrai institutions.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Grant of Pay to Steno-Typists and Typists on obtaining Proficiency in Shorthand and passing in Shorthand and passing in the Senior Typewriting Examination.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 6297-6397—S. & A. 115-49-2, dated the 6th February 1950, directing that such of the Steno-typists as have secured the qualifications of Proficiency in shorthand and a pass in the Senior Grade Typewriting Examination on 1st January 1947 and thereafter be given the special starting pay of Rs. 100 in First Grade.

2. Letter No. H. A. J. 275, dated 28th August 1952, from the Accountant-General, Mysore, Bangalore, suggesting the modification of Government Order dated the 6th February 1950, read above, so as to restrict the payment of initial pay of Rs. 100 to qualified Stenographers in the Second Grade only, *viz.*, Rs. 45-3-60-4-100 instead of in the First Grade as hitherto.

3. Correspondence ending with unofficial note No. 133—52-53—P.S.C., dated the 22nd January 1953, from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, forwarding the views of the Commission in the matter of giving higher initial starting pay to Steno-typists and Typists passing the Proficiency Examination in Shorthand.

ORDER NO. FL. 8520-8720—S. & A. 109-52-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH MARCH 1953.

In modification of the Government Order No. Fl. 6297-6397—S. & A. 115-49-2 dated the 6th February 1950, read above, it is directed that the Steno-typists and